

National Public Gardens Day Schedule of Events

Ongoing Demonstrations

10:00-2:00

Pollinator Garden

Promoting Native Pollinators, *Dr. Ralph Charlton, Curator of Invertebrates*

Main Garden Pond

Nature Drawing and Painting, *Rio Rancho Art Association*

Vitex Plaza

Restoring Native Plants to Our Gardens and Open Spaces,
Martin Martinez, Open Space Forestry Specialist

Green Roofs and Rain Harvesting Techniques in the Southwest,
Wes Brittenham, Manager of Plants of the Southwest/ABQ and Landscape Designer

Ocotillo Plaza

Cactus and Succulents in the Garden Landscape,
Dave Ferguson, Associate Curator of Desert Collections

To Weed or Not To Weed- Identifying Native and Non-native Grasses and Forbs,
Rochelle Hayes, Gardener

Camino de Colores Winter Garden Fountain

Water Gardening 101, *Greg Firstenburg, Aquatic Plants Volunteer*

Heritage Farm

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Q & A
Linda McNatt, RGBG Associate Curator, Horticulture and Animal Keeper Staff

Scheduled Tours and Demonstrations

Doolittle Plaza

10:00, 12:30 Tree Tour of the Botanic Garden
Stan Schug, Arborist and Associate Curator

10:30, 1:00 Flower Lab, *Jon Stewart, Curator of Plants*

Curandera Garden

11:00, 1:00 Container Gardening with Herbs and Annuals,
Maria Irving, Associate Curator

Heritage Farm Bridge

10:00, 12:00 Heritage Farm Tour, *Sharon Cook, Farm Guide*

Sasebo Japanese Garden

10:00, 11:00, 1:00 Desert Adaptation in the Japanese Garden Plant Tour,
Deb Firstenburg, Docent